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ALL-OUT DRIVE ON TO GET NEW MEMBERS

New Members Help OPC Defend a Free Press

In its 40 years of existence, the Overseas Press Club of America has been an active and a major force in the cause of a free and unfettered press everywhere in the world.

It has acted not merely to defend the general principle that a free press is the only assurance of a free people, but also in defense of individual newsmen and newswomen who have fallen victim to tyrants who know they can work their evil on their people only if the press is silent or servile.

There is a direct connection between OPC's ability to be an effective fighter for a free press and our new membership drive. *There is strength in numbers.*

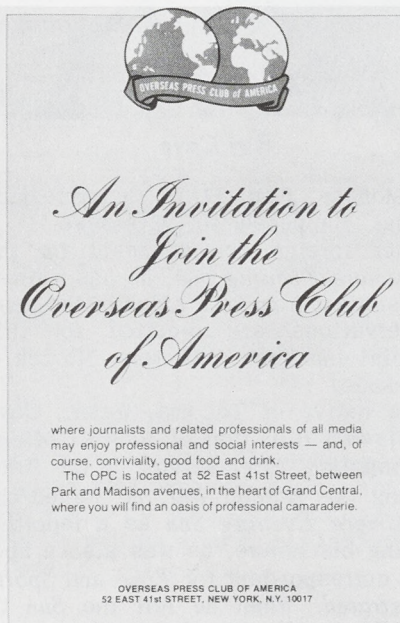
That is why last year I urged our Board of Governors to organize and wage a vigorous campaign for new members. Every new member we enroll in OPC is another voice for freedom of the press, another resource in defense of our liberties.

I urge every OPCer to work with our membership committee and bring in a new member or two or three or more!

—Henry Gellermann

QUOTABLE

"The sun is not setting on the American newspaper... news will be printed on paper and distributed to readers for decades to come... But the evidence is strong that we are not performing as well as we should... Have we made our newspapers too cool, too slick, too professional, too impersonal? Have we laundered the smell of humanity out of our newspapers?" — Clayton Kirkpatrick, Chicago Tribune president, accepting the National Press Club's Fourth Estate Award for a "lifetime of contributions to American journalism."



Cover of the 16-page illustrated brochure mailed to over 5,500 journalists and related professionals in a major membership drive.

Up-and-Coming

Now in the Lobby — A spectacular collection of paintings, drawings and sketches by distinguished artists that tells in the universal language of art what U.S. Air Force men and women are doing in various parts of the world. On display through January.

Tuesday, January 29 — 5:30 to 7 p.m. "Shop Talk" — George F. Will — Winner of the 1976 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. *Washington Post* Writer's Group syndicated columnist.

Monday, February 11 — Cocktails 12 Noon; "Shop Talk" Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Ray C. Cave — Managing Editor, *Time*.

Reservations needed for all events. No-shows must be charged because the club is charged, so please cancel if you can't show. Mary Novick, 679-9650. Luncheons: Members \$15, Guests \$16.

Overseas Service No Longer Needed

An all-out drive for every OPCer to recruit one or more new members is well under way. It was launched with the advent of the new year by the club's membership committee under the direction of chairman *Harry Rand* and co-chairman *Russ Tomabene*.

Major blast in the campaign is a mailing to 5600 journalists and related professionals of a packet containing a 16-page illustrated brochure, an application blank and return envelope and a letter explaining all.

The brochure, which extends an invitation to join the club, tells in detail what the club is all about and what its activities are, and shows in pictures the luxury of the club's present home and its many facilities.

It tells about the annual awards dinner and names some of the distinguished guests of honor. It tells about the Shop Talk sessions, the Headliner luncheons, Jazz nights and Music nights and other social events. It tells about the club's eating and drinking facilities, its business and social meeting rooms and its hotel facilities.

It tells about the Chemists' Club Library, acknowledged the best in the country; about the lobby news tickers; and about the reciprocal arrangements with more than 50 other press clubs around the world.

Four separate groups are being reached by the mailings: present members, who are being asked to pass the brochure along to prospective members; former members, who are being urged to return to the fold; staff associates of the membership committee members, a sizable group; and journalists and related professionals not covered by either of these groups.

One important point the brochure makes is that membership in OPC is no longer confined to journalists with overseas experience.

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Will and Cave Talks to Focus on Middle East

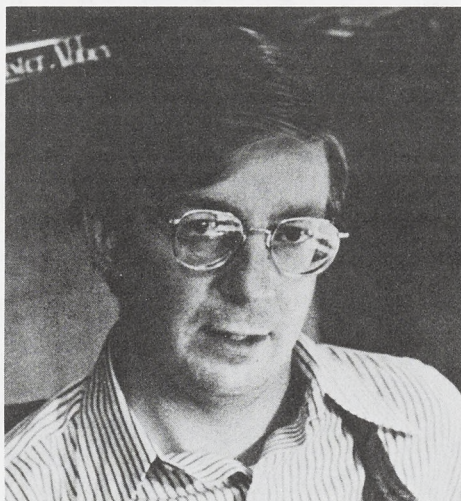


George F. Will

Current news from the "crescent of crisis" make visits by our next two speakers in the "Distinguished Journalists" series timely and provocative.

First, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29, commentator-at-large George F. Will (*Newsweek*, *Washington Post Syndicate* and various televised news programs are his principal platforms) will join us for cocktails and conversation. Reluctant to discuss the subject of his talk — "things change," he says — followers of his words are well aware that his sententious pen is currently leveled at such targets as The Shah and The Ayatollah, Moscow and Washington — and the cast expands as does the conflict. As one of the most important and widely heard public philosophers of the day, this rare personal appearance should be a highlight in the "Distinguished Journalists" series.

Ray C. Cave is the managing editor of *Time Magazine* (that named Ayatollah Khomeini its "Man-of-the-Year"). The subject of his luncheon address



Ray Cave

on Monday, Feb. 11 is an interesting "What Happened to 'Overseas,'" A former foreign correspondent for the *Baltimore Evening Sun*, he has viewed his subject from both sides of the desk. Reservations are required for this special luncheon (call Mary Novick — 679-9650)

A native of Tacoma, Wash., Cave received a B.A. from St. John's College (Annapolis). After service in the Army during the Korean War, he joined the *Baltimore Evening Sun* as a reporter. During his tenure, he was also a special correspondent for *Time* and *Sports Illustrated*. When he left the *Sun* to join *Sports Illustrated* in 1959, he was assistant city editor.

His career at *SI* spanned 17 years and his final position was that of executive editor, the "third largest news magazine's" second highest position. He joined *Time* in March 1976.

Perhaps he is trying to tell us something with the gravid title of his speech.

— Charles Schreiber

FROM THE HAPPY WEST come happy holiday greetings from happy Greg Ziemer, an OPCer for 40 years... happy over his two articles in the *Columbus* (O.) *Dispatch* Sunday magazine and the *Indianapolis* (Ind.) *Star* Sunday supplement on what stars think of love and marriage, for which he interviewed 20 celebrities, including the late Mary Pickford.

ASK A FRIEND
TO
JOIN THE CLUB

OPCer Walter Nelson reports from London that his first novel, published in England last summer as "The Minstrel Code," a thriller about terrorists, will be published in the U.S. by Little, Brown in March as "Bloody Christmas." Until now, the Nelson touch has produced seven non-fiction volumes, one of which, "Small Wonder," rang up 1.5 million sales world-wide.

OPCer Henry F. Schulte, dean of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, has been named chairman of judging for the annual Jesse H. Neal Awards, described as the "Pulitzer Prizes" of the business press by Charles S. Mill, American Business Press president, the award's sponsor.

Letters

HONG KONG — Three Chinese armed with an ax broke into the apartment of Richard Hughes, 74, dean of Asia's foreign press corps, at 3 a.m., Dec. 28, bound him and his wife Anne with wire and robbed them of jewelry, cash, travelers checks and passports.

Hughes, correspondent of *The Times* of London and a former boxing champion in his native Australia, said, "The thieves were vicious swine. It reinforces my belief in capital punishment."

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were not injured, except for wire cuts on their wrists. But files containing 40 years of newspaper clippings were looted and scattered.

Bill Sexton has arrived in Peking as correspondent for *Newsday* of Long Island, New York.

Bill Montalbano of *The Miami Herald* and his wife have rented an apartment in Hong Kong while awaiting permission to enter China as correspondent for the Knight-Ridder Newspapers.

— Al Kaff

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TOKYO — One of the signs that 1980 will be a better year, according to Japanese superstition, is that a bird flew into my house the other day. That is supposed to bring good luck.... The rice surplus in Japan keeps growing and efforts to give rice to hungry countries is meeting with opposition from the U.S. which claims that such aid will affect America's commercial rice exports. So Japan now has a surplus 7 million tons, 6 million more than emergency supplies require. Beyond conflagration, there seems no solution.... The Conference of Catholic Bishops of Japan will invite Pope John Paul II to visit Japan this year. He has indicated willingness to make the trip. It would be the first visit of a Catholic pontiff to Japan. ... To all of you, the best of luck, prosperity and happiness in 1980, the year of the monkey and the 55th year of Showa, the reign of the present emperor.

— Masahiro Watanabe

(Editor's note: The year of the monkey is a tough one for journalists and probably should be knocked out of the calendar. Can you imagine a year of "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil"?)

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FROM A BUSY MUNICHER, Aaron Einfrank, a note that the latest edition of "World Topics Year Book" carries articles by him on Afghanistan, Egypt and the USSR.

Was Kilgallen Scared to Death?

Was Dorothy Kilgallen, the sharp Broadway columnist, dazzler of cafe society, and a star of the "What's My Line?" TV show a victim of the same assassination plot that took President Kennedy's life?

If so, what had she ferreted out that made it too dangerous to whom or to what to allow her to live? Did she die in 1965 reputedly from an overdose of the barbiturates she habitually took to sleep, or was there a more malignant reason?

These are some of the provocative questions Lee Israel raises in her new book, "Kilgallen," and aired at the OPC book luncheon on Monday, January 7 in the Chemists' Club. Presiding was Anita Diamant Berke.

To do the book, Israel painstakingly researched for four years the 70 Kilgallen scrapbooks and press-books at Lincoln Center, interviewed hundreds of Kilgallen intimates, exhumed all the details of the Kilgallen affairs with Johnny Ray and others, and has everything but X-ray plates on the Kilgallen-Kollmar marriage.

Despite Kilgallen's unflagging industry, "she seemed inordinately maligned," reported Israel. "She was such an unprepossessing child nobody in the family remembered much about her" — a chinless wonder? She had "febrile" social ambitions, but was a defender of Lenny Bruce, and deliberately created a life voluptuously filled with action, such as her race around the world in 1936 when she was 23. She ended by living in an elegant E. 68th St. townhouse and earning more than \$100,000 a year from feeding gossip-hungry readers.

But curiously, Israel points out, she published not one word about her meetings with, for example, Jack Ruby, and her delvings into the Kennedy murder. Israel's postulate is startling: Kilgallen herself might have been murdered for what she was uncovering...

Lee Israel has also written a full-scale biography, "Miss Tallulah Bankhead," and features for *Esquire*, *McCall's*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Ms.*, and *The New York Times*. —Helen Alpert

EAT AND DRINK
WITH US!

POSTSCRIPTS

KUDOS: Larry Lowenstein, who used to operate in the Big Apple, has received the Outstanding Public Service Award where he now operates, in Atlanta, Ga., from the Georgia chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Larry, director of development for WABE-FM and WETV, Channel 30, was cited for community volunteer service in civic, charitable, educational and cultural work. He created the Community Services Award at WXIA-TV and got an Emmy nomination as producer of that hourlong broadcast.

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BACK HOME: *Enrique* and *Lucrecia Rojas-Vela* have returned to Buenos Aires after covering the United Nations General Assembly, the Pope's visit here and the Iranian problem at the U.N. Leaving behind them best wishes to all for a Happy New Year!

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BUSY, BUSY: Our Washington correspondent, *Jessie Stearns*, complains in her year-end letter that she has no idle time... what with covering the House, the Senate, the White House and the small army of politicians seeking the presidency for her newspapers, radio and TV stations. Despite which, she is writing a book on the Congress Today.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: to *Film News* magazine, 40 years old, and to *Rohama Lee*, who has been its editor, publisher and owner since 1947. Rohama was for several years OPC's library chairman and also films committee chairman.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — I enclose my check for \$25 for the Madeline Dane Ross account, Overseas Press Club Memorial Fund. In memory of Vincent Halloran, who was managing editor of

Wanted: MSS

Jeffrey Wexler, editor and publisher of the *Shenandoah Valley Magazine*, invites contributions, prose and/or pictures, from OPC members. Especially from those who may be resident in or have vacation or visiting recollections of the region he covers, from Winchester and the Potomac to Roanoke and Salem, Va. He has sent copies to our lounge. His address: 216 East Frederick St., P.O. Box 1338, Staunton, Va. 24401

The Stars and Stripes after World War II and more recently an editorial writer for the San Francisco (Calif.) *Examiner*. He died in February, 1979. I just heard. Perhaps it deserves a line in the *Bulletin*, however late.

—Julia Edwards

(Editor's note: Although Mr. Halloran was not a member of the club, he deserves the line, however late.)

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Jay Brennan, Editor Time-Life Books, Asia

Bon vivant, raconteur and friend, *Jay Brennan*, who returned to these shores this spring after a 4-year sojourn in Tokyo as Asia Editor of Time-Life Books, died after a long illness on December 23. He was 52.

Christened James Francis Brennan, Jr., he preferred the moniker "Jay." In fact, his application for OPC membership is made out and signed "Jay Brennan." It is dated January 25, 1956. His job at the time was press editor of *Newsweek*. His sponsors were John Denson, Frank Gibney, John McAllister, David Murray and Jack O'Brien.

Never one to miss an opportunity to twit his peers, Jay enjoyed two listings in OPC directories. The second is found under "V" — "Eugene D. Vang, 17 Stuyvesant Court, New York City." Long a sailing enthusiast, Jay was captivated by the word "vang" and invented his mythical hero for the amusement of his friends. Since 1966, directory editors have never suspected the impostor. (A "Vang" is a downhaul on the boom of a sail boat.) Jay's gift of laughter remains.

A 1949 graduate of Yale University, from which he received a B.A., Jay was hired by OPC Governor *Al Wall* to be a *Newsweek* researcher-reporter in his graduation year. Some ten years later, he joined Time, Inc.'s book division as a staff writer. He rose through the ranks to become the division's senior man in the Far East. The year he was given the assignment was also the year Jay was elected to the OPC Board of Governors. Although qualified to be an active member of the Club, Jay was aggressively proud of his associate membership status.

A plank owner and founding member of the Overseas Yacht Club, Jay refused to be an officer although the Club tried to nominate him on several occasions. While on duty in Tokyo, the OYC conferred on him the title of "Pacific Commander."

Jay is survived by his wife, Mimi; two sons, Jim and Bill (not James and William) and a sister, Elizabeth Schope. A memorial service on December 28 at Campbell's in New York was attended by a legion of club members and shipmates. After the service, most returned to the OPC bar to hoist one last martini, straight up, in his memory. It was Jay's last rendezvous.

We lost a good one.

—Charles Schreiber

OVERSEAS SERVICE

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"The OPC," it says, "since its founding in April 1939, has been a gathering place for distinguished men and women of all media. In the early years most of the members were foreign correspondents for American newspapers, magazines, wire services, radio and TV — hence the name, Overseas Press Club. As the years passed, however, those who did not have overseas experience also joined the club for professional and social interests.

"Regardless of the name, the OPC has remained primarily a working press organization with a tradition of excellence in the field of overseas assignments."

In addition to Harry Rand and Russ Tornabene, chairman and co-chairman, the membership committee includes:

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